

BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON D.C. 20554

In the matter of:)	
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Huron Mountain Communications Co.)	WC Docket No. 96-45
Petition for Waiver of Sections 69.2(hh))	
and 69.601 of the Commission's Rules.)	
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REPLY COMMENTS OF THE
MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN SUPPORT OF
HURON MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS CO.
REQUEST FOR WAIVER

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") procedural schedule established in the above docket, the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") hereby submits its reply comments.

I. INTRODUCTION

On July 21, 2009, the FCC requested comments regarding Huron Mountain Communications Co. (Huron Mountain) request for a waiver of Sections 69.2(hh) and 69.601 of the FCC's rules. Granting the petition would allow Huron Mountain to become a member of the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA").

II. DISCUSSION

Specifically, Huron Mountain requests: 1) waiver of the definition of "telephone company" in sections 69.2(hh) and 69.601 of the Commission's rules, and of the annual election filing deadline in sections 69.3(e)(6) of the Commission's rules to allow Huron Mountain to become a member of the NECA and to immediately participate in NECA

pools and tariffs; 2) a declaratory ruling that a waiver of the definition of “study area” in the Appendix-Glossary of Part 36 of the Commission’s rules is not necessary; 3) waiver of sections 36.611 and 36.612 of the Commission’s rules to allow Huron Mountain to receive accelerated high-cost loop support; 4) waiver of the state universal service fund certification deadlines set forth in sections 54.314(d) of the Commission’s rules; and 5) waiver of data filing deadlines set forth in sections 54.301(b) and 54.903(a) of the Commission’s rules.

III. CONCLUSION

The MPSC requests that the FCC grant Huron Mountain Communications Co. petition for waiver of Sections 69.2 (hh) and 69.601 of the Commission’s rules. By granting the waiver, the FCC furthers the ability of rural carriers to provide telecommunications services in Michigan in underserved areas.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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